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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

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Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1030 hrs;
80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
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IT SEEMS TO ME

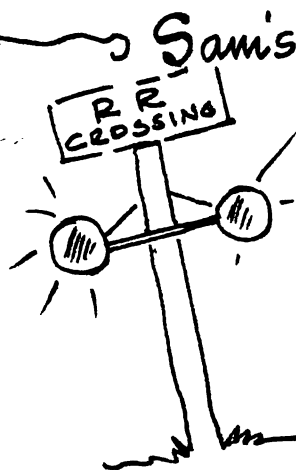
Recently I gave some assistance and a few goodies to a youngster who was getting ready to take his Novice examination. He was all fired up over amateur radio and reminded me of myself when, back in 1936, listening on an RCA 5Q55 shortwave receiver with a homebrew BFO hung on, I heard a fellow whose call was W3QV.

I sent an SWL card to QV and received a QSL and a very nice note from him inviting me to visit him if I could. That reply clinched it for me. Hams must be really nice guys! In the next few years I got to know W3BPQ, W3CGB and W3GJU (who was a 5 meter man) and found them to be equally friendly and helpful. School, a war and marriage interrupted my hamming, but it didn't cool my interest, and finally I got my license.

I have since visited with hams in many parts of the world and talked to a lot more, and I still think that hams are a pretty nice bunch of people. The comradery evident at club meetings is further proof of that fact and if you aren't part of it you're missing a lot of the real Philmont feeling.

Get active, work for and with the club. We don't need joiners, we need and want workers. Don't be apart, become a part - and a Philmonter!

de K3KUD



Sam's CORNER

AT MY ANNUAL VISIT TO A PHILMONT MEETING (JUNE) I HAD THE PLEASURE OF SEEING THE ONLY WALKING RAILROAD CROSSING WARNING LIGHT. AND LIKE MOST CROSSING LIGHTS, IT WAS MOSTLY IGNORED.... SORRY TO SAY! MY HAND, TO THE PHILMONTER WHO WORE IT.

At almost every meeting, I point out to those attending the importance of signing the attendance sheets that are passed around. The principle reason is that one has to attend three Philmont meetings before being eligible for membership. At times I have said in a light vein that you also must have a work bench to become a member. This is not said to be disrespectful of the membership. Each member only has so much time with which to work with his hobby. Last year we published in the Blurb a survey of our membership which showed the varied vocations we pursue. A Philmonter has many claims on his time and priorities have to be set-up. Many have given of their valuable time this year for which I am most grateful.

At the October meeting, a nominating committee will be announced. They will present, at the November meeting, a list of candidates for the coming year, 1980. They will solicit your help in the selection of these nominees. Now is the time for the membership to review for themselves the activities of the past year so that they can pass along their ideas to the committee.

On November 3rd Philmont will hold its 30th Anniversary Banquet. Philmont Banquets have always been gala affairs and this one will not be an exception. We will have, as always, good food, fine friends and dancing. We earnestly solicit your attendance. A special invitation goes out to those who are unable, because of their commitments, to attend our meeting and other activities to be there and renew old acquaintances. This is a great event to get together with friends and just have a good time.

de W3AWG

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"HAM"

"Ham: a poor operator. A 'plug'."

That's the definition of the word given in G. M. Dodge's The Telegraph Instructor even before radio. The definition has never changed in wire telegraphy. The first wireless operators were landline telegraphers who left their offices to go to sea or to man the coastal stations. They brought with them their language and much of the tradition of their older profession.

In those early days, spark was king and every station occupied the same wavelength - or, more accurately perhaps, every station occupied the whole spectrum with its broad spark signal. Government stations, ships, coastal stations and the increasingly numerous amateur operators all competed for time and signal supremacy in each other's receivers. Many of the amateur stations were very powerful. Two amateurs, working each other across town, could effectively jam all the other operations in the area. When this happened, frustrated commercial operators would call the ship whose weaker signals had been blotted out by amateurs and say "SRI OM THOSE #&\$!@ HAMS ARE JAMMING YOU."

Amateurs, possibly unfamiliar with the real meaning of the term, picked it up and applied it to themselves in true "Yankee Doodle" fashion and wore it with pride. As the years advanced, the original meaning has completely disappeared.

- Louise Ramsey Moreau
W3WRE/WB6BBO

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

October 1 Yom Kippur
General Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 P.M.

October 6-7 VHF Conference and Hamarama. Support the Pack-Rats

October 8 Columbus Day

October 10 BLURB material deadline

October 17 Midmonth Meeting at WB3CMM, 8:00 P.M.

October 29 BLURB folding at W3QQH, 7:15 P.M.

October 31 Halloween

MEETING REPORTS

August Midmonth: Planned as the Annual Seashore Trek, this meeting was cancelled due to the illness of our host, W3SGR.

September General Meeting: Held on the 10th of the month, the meeting was attended by 32 members and 12 visitors. In addition to the Minutes and Treasurer's Report, reports from the Banquet, Directory, Repeater and W3TKQ Committees were presented. The new communications van was also on display.

The program for the evening was a demonstration and discussion of radio equipment designed for light aircraft, ably presented by Rick Spencer and Tom Bohlander, WA3KLR, both of NARCO. Rick demonstrated and described a piece of equipment containing communication, navigation, identification and location capabilities which was small enough for convenient installation in a small plane and was designed for operation by the pilot without his having to be distracted from flying. Tom then provided some insight into the use of microprocessor chips and flexboard design which was instrumental in achieving the very desirable size reduction. Since this was an area of electronics not familiar to most of us, the program proved to be most interesting.

The scheduled program for October will be on the subject of Antique Radio, presented by Ed Braddock, W2BAY.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

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TID-BITS

After considerable soul searching, we decided to enter the ARNS Publications Contest once again. New rules and new judging standards have been established for this year and an over all improvement in the handling of entries is promised.

In case you hadn't noticed, W3QQH is no longer heard on 63/03.....but W3BBB is!

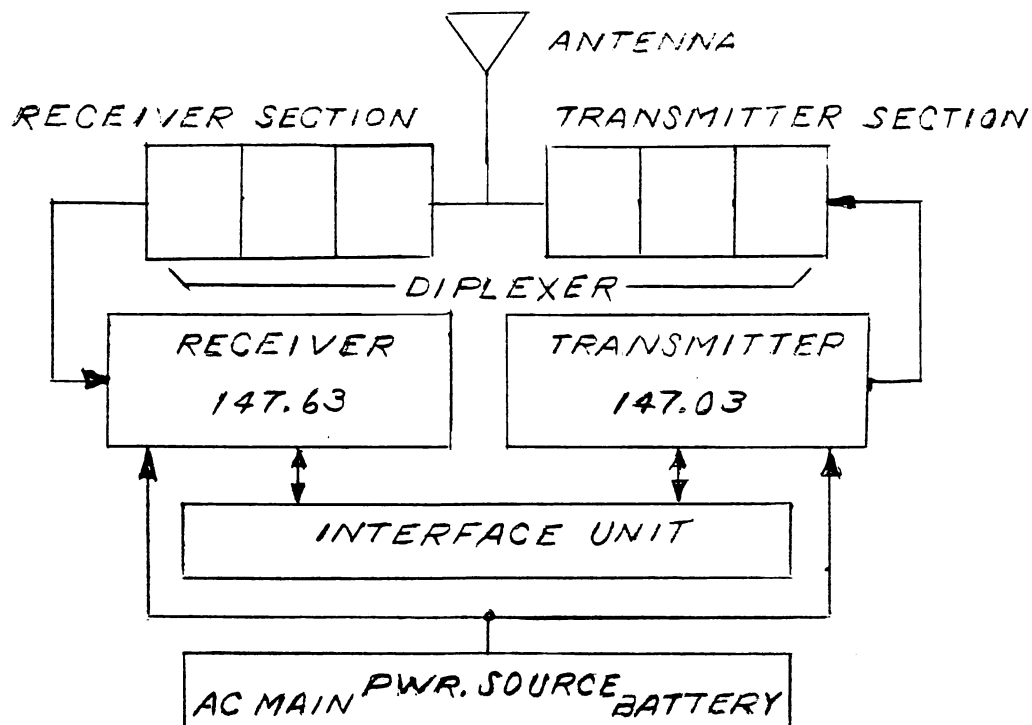
The Annual Clambake was held on Saturday, September 8 at Shearer's Farm. 73 Philmonters attended and a total of 116 meals were served. All reports indicate another enjoyable and successful outing and to top it off, Philmont won the Big Ball Game (we hear that Pat, WB3EKK, may be the new Larry Bowa!)

30th Anniversary Banquet tickets are now available from W3IRS, W3AWG, W3BBB and K3SPS. Checks should be made payable to Philmont Mobile Radio Club and orders should include the name of your wife (or guest). Tickets are \$18.00 per person.

The Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 3rd. at the Falcon House, Westchester Pike, Havertown, PA. Happy Hour will be at 6:30 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M.

If you do not plan to visit Hamarama on October 6th and 7th, the club can use your help in monitoring the Philadelphia Canoe Club Kayak Races on the Schuylkill. Contact Jim Rodgers, W3AWG.

PHIL-MONT REPEATER



BASIC BLOCK DIAGRAM

In the September issue of the Blurb, you found out where the repeater is located. In future issues of this paper, as space permits, we intend to review in some depth the various sections of our repeater system. It should be pointed out that this venture is not being attempted just for the pure entertainment of the club members, but to increase interest in other aspects of the repeater other than talking. Just remember, big brother is watching, and if you have the technical capability, you may be asked to help with its maintenance.

The block diagram of the overall repeater system is shown above. It is intended that each area will be covered adequately so that each of us will understand the general workings of the system.

At this time, I would like to pay tribute to Jim Spencer (W3BBB) for his contribution to this noble endeavor. He has given unselfishly of his time and money. He will tell you that he enjoys doing it, but this does not diminish the results of his efforts and the many hours of pleasure he has provided for all of us.

73,
K3GNM

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